

King County Councilmember Jane Hague

District 6



Welcome to the new 6th district!

Welcome to the expanded 6th Council district of King County! Voter approved Initiative 18 reduced the members of the King County Council from 13 to nine. Council districts have grown from nearly 135,000 constituents to almost 200,000.

Your input continues to be valuable to me as I develop strategies to advocate your concerns on the council. Please know I will make every effort to ensure your county government is understandable, accountable and accessible. If you have any questions or just wish to discuss issues in our district, please call me at 206-296-1006 or e-mail me at jane.hague@metrokc.gov.

Are we ready for the pandemic flu?

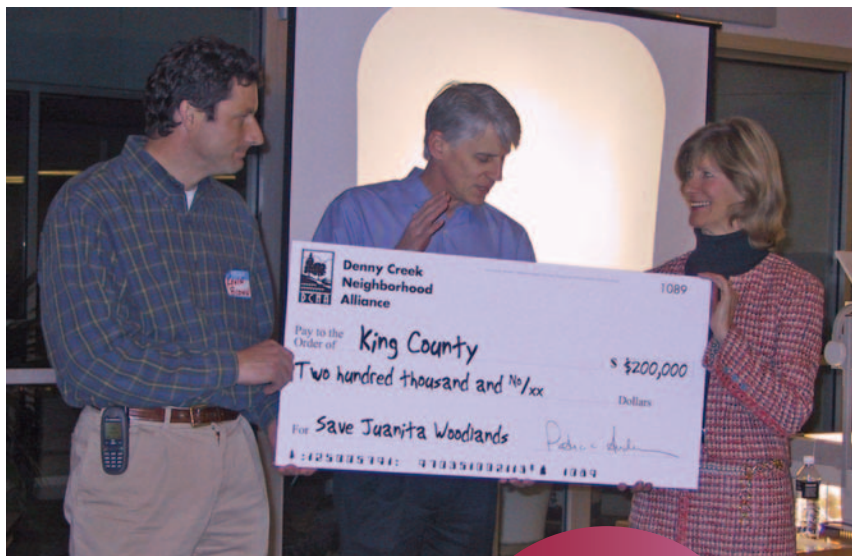
How will we be affected? Of the 1.8 million people in King County, 1.2 million will be infected, over 600,000 will become ill, 57,000 will need hospitalization, and nearly 12,000 will die. Over the course of three to four months, up to 30% of the workforce will be absent. These are the dramatic estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the effects of a pandemic influenza outbreak in King County should the H5N1 virus develop human-to-human transmissability.

We know from the three previous pandemics that local leadership and preparation can lessen the effects of a pandemic. Preparation for a pandemic is a community-wide responsibility where families, businesses, and local government must all play a role. As part of the Council's 2006 Budget Leadership Team, I sponsored legislation that required the County to prepare a comprehensive pandemic flu response plan that will limit the spread of the disease until a vaccine is available.

The county is nationally recognized as a leader in disaster and public health emergency preparedness. The legislation I sponsored requires the County to extend its planning effort to worse-case scenarios that include the purchase of anti-viral medication, outreach to vulnerable populations, and responding to a surge in medical needs. In the fall of 2005, I also sponsored legislation urging Congress to provide funding for the County to test these plans through simulated exercises.

I am committed to ensuring that we remain on the national forefront of planning for a pandemic. For more information, please visit my website, www.metrokc.gov/hague, or the Seattle-King County Public Health Department website, www.metrokc.gov/health/pandemicflu. View www.pandemicflu.gov to access pandemic flu planning checklists for individuals, families, and businesses.

Jane Hague and County Parks Director Kevin Brown accept a symbolic check from Scott Morris of the Save Juanita Woodlands Project. Neighbors and supporters in the Holmes Point and Finn Hill communities have raised \$500,000 to help ensure that this important property can be maintained as permanent open space.



Elections survey

In recent months different panels from the King County Council and the Executive's Office have recommended changes to improve elections. To help me serve the community better, please complete this survey about two critical recommendations.

The Citizen's Election Oversight Committee, enacted by the council to make recommendations for improving our Elections Department, cites that an elected county auditor would improve the credibility of the King County Elections Department. Do you agree?

☐ Strongly agree ☐ Agree somewhat ☐ Not sure ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree

Comments: _____

The Elections Department has announced a plan to switch to an all mail ballot election system. Do you feel this measure will add credibility and improve the performance of the King County Elections Department?

☐ Strongly agree ☐ Agree somewhat ☐ Not sure ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree

Comments: _____

Your input matters to me. Please fill out your name and e-mail address, so that you can stay up to date with my activities on the council and we can respond to any of your concerns.

Name _____ E-Mail Address _____

Please tear at perforation and mail to Jane Hague's office. Thank you for providing us your input.

**Do this survey
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Go to www.metrokc.gov/hague**

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Jane Hague and several excited students at the ribbon cutting event of a new teen center for the King County Boys and Girls Club. Jane was recognized at the event for her extensive personal and professional support for Boys and Girls clubs throughout King County.

Save the date!

Town Hall meeting
May 13th, 10 a.m.
at Kirkland City Hall
Council Chambers

Jane’s appointments on the 2006 County Council

For 2006, I have agreed to serve the county council as a Vice Chair dealing with Council affairs. In addition my colleagues have appointed me Chair of the Employment Committee, Vice Chair of the Annual Budget Reconciliation and Adoption Committee, Vice Chair of the Committee of the Whole, Vice Chair of the Labor, Operations and Technology and Policy Chair of Natural Resources, Parks and Utilities within the Growth Management and Natural Resources Committee. I also serve on the Transportation and the Capital Budget Committees, and I am the appointed Vice Chair of the Regional Water Quality Committee.

These appointments offer me many opportunities to address your concerns on solid waste, parks, open space and land use, traffic congestion relief and government operations. I continue to research opportunities to maximize county services to taxpayers while reducing costs.

2-1-1 to help King County residents

King County, the City of Seattle and United Way have teamed up to provide a new telephone number for King County residents in need of help. By dialing 211 you will now be connected to operators who understand King County government and will be able to determine the best way to address your need. This number will connect callers to a wide variety of agencies which provide services from immediate emergency response to locations of shelters and food banks.

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